

LITTLE GIRL SHOT  
IN MIDST OF PLAYLouisa Moore, Aged Ten, Dies  
Almost Instantly.

## TRAGEDY IS ACCIDENTAL

Boy Companion Did Not Know  
Gun Was Loaded.Bullet Enters Neck, Below Left Ear.  
Child Falls to Porch of House Near  
Kensington and Dies in Less Than  
Two Minutes—Widowed Mother,  
Mrs. Everett Moore, Is Prostrated  
When Notified of Accident.Louisa Moore, aged ten years, was ac-  
cidentally shot and almost instantly killed  
last night while playing on the porch of  
a house near Kensington, with three com-  
panions, when a .22-caliber rifle was dis-  
charged, the bullet entering her neck  
just below the left ear. The jugular vein  
was severed, and the child died in less  
than two minutes.The accident is the most tragic that has  
occurred near Kensington in years. Nearly  
every resident in the suburb knew of  
it an hour after the girl's death. Ex-  
pressions of sympathy for the bereaved  
mother were heard on every hand.The deceased girl was the only child  
of Mrs. Everett Moore, a widow, living  
at 1236 Tenth street northwest. About  
two weeks ago the girl was accompanied  
by her mother to the home of J. W.  
Wildman, who lives in Rockville road, a  
short distance from Kensington. Mrs.  
Moore has known Mr. Wildman and his  
wife for years.Planned to Spend Summer.  
Mrs. Moore stopped with the family for  
a few days, and then returned to Wash-  
ington, leaving her daughter in the coun-  
try. It was planned to allow Louisa to  
spend her vacation in the suburb. The  
child made friends among the children  
of neighbors, and her charming man-  
ners won her the admiration of the older  
persons.Mr. and Mrs. Wildman, their son  
Mason, and Louisa ate supper together  
last night about 5:30 o'clock. After the  
meal the children went on the front  
veranda, where they were joined by  
Bernice Sheehan, eleven years old, son  
of Donald Sheehan, who lives near the  
Wildman home; and by Eugene Saffert,  
twelve years old, who lives at Twelfth  
and O streets northwest.The children had been shooting at a  
target in the afternoon with a rifle owned  
by Bernice Sheehan. When the boy re-  
turned from supper he carried the rifle.  
The boy did not know that one of his  
companions had thoughtlessly put a car-  
tridge in the gun.Swinging in a Hammock.  
The children were swinging in a ham-  
mock stretched across one end of the  
veranda when Louisa jumped up and  
started to run into the house. Bernice  
Sheehan held the weapon in his hands,  
and the gun was discharged at the in-  
stant the girl ran in front of the muzzle.There was an unexpected explosion, and  
Louisa fell to the floor of the veranda  
with a slight scream.The boys were dazed. The Sheehan lad  
was the first to realize what had hap-  
pened. He ran into the house crying:  
"Oh, Mr. Wildman, something awful  
has happened."Wildman was sitting in the dining-room  
with his wife. He ran to the porch and  
found the girl lying face downward. A  
glance at the wound showed Wildman  
the child was dying.He jerked a handkerchief from his  
pocket and tried to stop the flow of  
blood, calling to his wife to telephone for  
a doctor. Mrs. Wildman notified Dr.  
William L. Lewis, whose home is about  
a mile from the Wildman house. Dr.  
Lewis drove the distance in a carriage  
in fast time, but he was too late.When Mrs. Wildman returned to the  
dying child, she told her husband to place  
his finger in the wound, as Dr. Lewis  
directed. Wildman followed this advice,  
but the girl had lost so much strength  
that the effort was of no avail. Less  
than two minutes after the shot was fired  
she died without regaining consciousness.Mother Is Notified.  
Dr. Lewis arrived in a short time and  
pronounced life extinct. Wildman called  
friends of Mrs. Moore over the telephone  
and asked that the news be broken to the  
mother. John R. Wright, undertaker, a  
friend, drove to the Tenth street house  
and told Mrs. Moore of the death of her  
daughter. The mother collapsed. She  
was revived and assisted to the automo-  
bile. With Mr. Wright driving, the trip  
to the Wildman home was made in record  
time.Magistrate John C. Cissel, who lives at  
Wheaton, near Kensington, had been no-  
tified. An inquest was held over the  
body. A verdict of death due to a wound  
caused by a rifle ball accidentally fired  
was returned by the jury. The body was  
turned over to relatives for burial. No  
arrangements have been made for the  
funeral.

## UNIVERSITY DEFIES CHURCH.

School Supports Prof. Foster as  
Against the Baptist Ministers.Chicago, July 6.—Freedom of thought  
and speech, absolutely and without re-  
striction or interference, is to be the  
policy at the University of Chicago, even  
if the university must suffer for it.This announcement came from Dean  
Albion W. Small, acting president of the  
university, to-day, the first authoritative  
statement of the university's attitude to-  
ward its professors and religious views since  
the controversy between Prof. George B.  
Foster and the Baptist ministers began.  
The statement is based on the utterances  
of the late President William R. Harper  
on the subject of academic freedom and  
religious independence.

## WEATHER FORECAST

For the District of Columbia  
and Maryland—Partly cloudy  
to-day and to-morrow; some-  
what higher temperature; light,  
variable winds, mostly northerly.

## HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

Pages. TELEGRAPHIC.  
1—Bingham Enters Mayoralty Contest.  
1—Farmers in Duel Near Lynchburg.  
1—Taft Speaks at Champlain Festival.  
2—Thaw Gains Another Victory.  
4—Falls from Balloon in Air.  
4—Tucker Hits Officeholding Trust.LOCAL.  
1—Girl Shot Dead Near Kensington.  
1—Gen. Wright May Be Honored.  
2—Tariff Debate Nears the End.  
2—Protests Against Tobacco Tax.  
3—G. F. Pollock Dies at Boyds, Md.  
5—Women Unionists Hold Meeting.  
12—"Safe and Sound" Pleases Citizens.

## MASSACRE IN BESSARABIA.

A Hundred Jews and Landlords Are  
Slain and Panic Exists.Lemberg, July 6.—The newspapers here  
report that 100 Jews and landlords have  
been massacred in Bessarabia. The Jew-  
ish population is in a state of panic.

## RESPIED MAN BREAKS JAIL.

Negro Escapes While Governor Signs  
Stay of Execution.Montgomery, Ala., July 6.—Within half  
an hour after the governor had granted  
a respite to Jim Parrish, a negro, sen-  
tenced to death at Decatur to-day, word  
was received that the man had broken  
jail and gotten away. This is his second  
escape.Parrish killed Lem Lane, another ne-  
gro. He was to have been hanged on  
July 9, but the governor gave his friends  
a week to present new evidence, which  
they claimed they had obtained.

## TEHRAN NOT INVESTED.

Early Dispatches, of an Alarming  
Nature, Not Confirmed Later.London, July 7.—Nothing confirms yes-  
terday's early dispatches from Tehran  
to the effect that the city was invested  
by the rebels. In view of other dispatches  
received, it seems impossible that this is  
the case. It is evidently difficult to ob-  
tain news.The Times' correspondent, whose tele-  
grams have been the fullest and most re-  
liable, sends, under date of yesterday and  
to-day, only reports and conjectures. He  
adds that despite the prevailing anxiety,  
the city is very quiet. The situation is  
therefore most difficult to gauge.

## VETERAN OF TWO WARS DEAD.

Benjamin Simcox Served in Crimea  
and Later with Union Army.Lexington, Ky., July 6.—Benjamin Sim-  
cox, a veteran of the civil war, died at  
his home here to-day at the age of sev-  
enty-nine years. He served in the Crim-  
ean war, as a member of the Forty-  
seventh Crown Regiment, and partici-  
pated in several engagements between  
England and Russia.He served as a member of the Sixth  
Kentucky Infantry, in the Union army,  
from July 14, 1861, to September 23, 1865.  
Mr. Simcox was born in Staffordshire,  
England, during the reign of George IV,  
and was a lad of seven years when Queen  
Victoria began her long reign.

## WILL SHORTEN ROUTE.

Pennsylvania Railroad to Eliminate  
Horseshoe Curve.Pittsburg, Pa., July 6.—The world-  
famed horseshoe curve on the Pennsylv-  
ania Railroad, on the east slope of the  
Allegheny Mountains, is to be done away  
with, according to plans completed and  
made public here to-day. The Pennsylv-  
ania will shorten its distance between  
New York and Chicago five miles by this  
change. The railroad has arranged to  
take lands in Blair and in Cambria coun-  
ties by the right of eminent domain and  
build a connecting link from Lally, Pa.,  
to the new portage branch of the main  
line.This is but the first step in a series  
which will mean the elimination of the  
great grades of the horseshoe curve and  
the tunnels at the top of the mountains.  
While the expense of breaking through  
the mountains at another point will be  
great, primarily, it is figured that a sav-  
ing of at least \$1,000,000 a year will be  
made.The railroad will not make public the  
plans which it intends to break through  
the hills, but it has been planning the  
scheme for something like twenty-five  
years.

## TAKEN AFTER ELEVEN YEARS.

Georgian's Life History Reads Some-  
thing Like Victor Hugo's Novel.Elberton, Ga., July 6.—After living for  
eleven years in Alabama under an as-  
sumed name, during which time he ac-  
cumulated a fortune and became promi-  
nent in the community, J. B. Hill, a  
former citizen of this county, has been  
brought to Elberton and lodged in jail  
to be tried for complicity in a murder  
committed years ago.Eleven years ago Hill and his son-in-  
law, Brock, killed Lee Crook, a wealthy  
planter. It is admitted that Brock did  
the actual killing, but it is charged that  
Hill was an accessory. Brock escaped,  
and has never been heard from. Hill  
was arrested, but escaped before trial  
and went to Alabama, settling there and  
assuming the name of James Lind.Later he sent back to Georgia for his  
wife and children. Mrs. Hill posed as a  
widow, and her husband remarried his  
own wife in Alabama under the name  
of Lind to avoid suspicion. Hill now  
owns 1,000 acres of farming land, on  
which it is claimed there have been dis-  
covered a coal mine and also a bed of  
iron.

## SUMMER EXCURSIONS.

Via Norfolk and Western Railway.  
Tickets now on sale to all principal res-  
orts in Virginia. Fare, time tables, and  
sleeping car reservations, and all infor-  
mation, apply to E. J. Lockwood, Passen-  
ger Agent, N. & W. Ry.,  
Washington, D. C.